

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, ET  
AL.,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

TATE REEVES, in his official capacity as  
Governor of the State of Mississippi, ET  
AL.,

*Defendants.*

Case No. 3:23-cv-272-HTW-LGI

**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR LEAVE  
TO FILE FIRST AMENDED  
COMPLAINT**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2), Plaintiffs respectfully move for leave to file a First Amended Complaint voluntarily dismissing Counts I and II. The proposed First Amended Complaint omits those counts and corresponding language throughout the complaint, without otherwise changing the operative complaint. (Defendant Randolph continues to be identified as a defendant to preserve Plaintiffs' right to appeal his dismissal.) The proposed First Amended Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of January, 2024.

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